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SUBJECT: MANLEY THREATENS "DAILY GLEANER"

1. IN AN ADDRESS TO A MASS RALLY SEPTEMBER 4, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF "A CERTAIN NEWSPAPER" (THE DAILY GLEANER) WHICH "IS USED EVERY DAY TO DISCREDIT SOCIALISM." MANLEY NOTED THAT "MANY FEEL THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE OVER THE NEWSPAPER, BUT THIS IS NOT GOVERNMENT POLICY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT INTERFERE PROVIDING THE PAPER UNDERSTANDS THAT FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS NOT A ONE-WAY STREET FOR CAPITALISM, BUT MUST EXPRESS THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY." MANLEY SAID THAT "SINCE THE NEWSPAPER IS DEDICATED TO TURN BACK SOCIALISM AND SUPPORT IMPERIALISM, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT IT, EITHER ECONOMICALLY OR OTHERWISE.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS ONLY THE LATEST ROUND IN THE RECURRING CONFLICT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE GLEANER. HOWEVER, THE STATEMENT BY MANLEY MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN WHICH HE HAS IMPLIED THAT ECONOMIC PRESSURES MIGHT BE
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BROUGHT TO BEAR IF THE GLEANER DOES NOT IMPROVE ITS "OBJECTIVITY." NOT SURPRISINGLY, THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE IN THE DAILY GLEANER AS DID A STATEMENT BY OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA WHO ACCUSED THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRYING TO "STRANGLE CRITICISM."

3. AT THE SEPTEMBER 4 RALLY, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY
ALSO ANNOUNCED FINALIZATION OF PLANS FOR THE GOVERNMENT
TAKEOVER OF JAMAICA'S ONLY PRIVATELY OWNED RADIO STATION.
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